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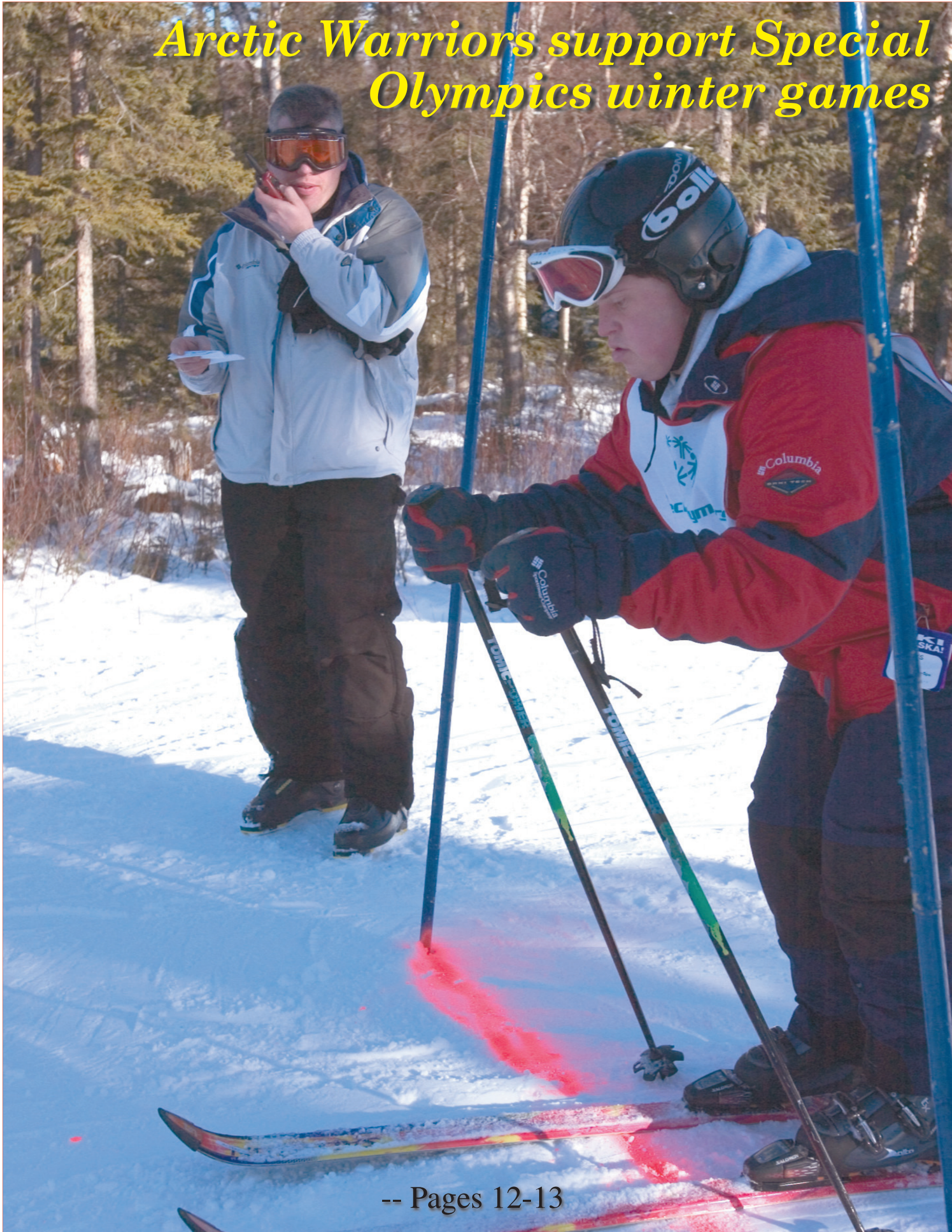
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AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN THRASHER

An Arctic Warrior serves Ms. Joyce Scales during “A Taste of Soul,” an ethnic food tasting event in celebration of African-American History Month at the Kashim Club Feb. 18. The African-American Heritage Committee will wrap-up the celebration with a “Red, Black and Green Ball” Saturday at the Kashim Club, beginning at 6 p.m.



■ **Tech. Sgt. Michael Bumgardner**, 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron, supervised eight technicians, performed 45 egress system maintenance actions, and trained and evaluated Airmen on rarely performed tasks.

He shared maintenance techniques that improved proficiency and cut standard completion times by 25 percent.

Additionally, he ensured Air Expeditionary Force returnees were scheduled for training, which resulted in zero impact to personnel availability for mission requirements.

■ **Tech. Sgt. Joe Clinton, Staff Sgt. Kevin Jackson, Mr. William Beckstine, and Mr. Gary Warmath**, 3rd Component Maintenance Squadron, installed engine ingested fire retardant chemicals during an augments fire.

They implemented the uninstalled engine internal water wash procedures, eliminating engine removal and the requirement to ship the engine back to depot.

Despite adverse winter weather conditions, the crew was able to return the engine and aircraft to service without delay.

■ This week’s commander’s shadow is **Airman 1st Class Lewis Carter**, 732nd Air Mobility Squadron.

Action Line



Brig. Gen. Michael Snodgrass
3rd Wing Commander

Do you have a problem you can’t seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done?

The commander’s action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Michael Snodgrass. Your calls will get the commander’s personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224

actionline@elmendorf.af.mil

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can’t help, then please call the Action Line.

Key phone numbers:

Col. Christopher Thelen, 3rd CES/CC
552-3007

Lt. Col. David Aupperle, 3rd SVS/CC
552-2468

Lt. Col. Robert Garza, 3rd SFS/CC
552-4304

School zones

Q: I am a volunteer crossing guard, and I am very concerned with the number of people speeding through the school zones. I would like to remind everyone that the speed limit is 20 miles an hour in the school zones on base. Everyday, people are speeding past children, putting them in danger. Kids are kids and they don’t think to look both ways before they cross the road every time they cross. I am doing my part to keep them safer and I am asking all drivers to slow down in school zones, whether there are children present or not. Kids seem to come out of nowhere, will you be able to stop?

Why can’t there be a patrol car posted near each school for 20 minutes in the morning, from 8:40 to 9 a.m., then 20 minutes in the afternoon, from 3:30 to 3:50 p.m.? I understand

that the Security Forces Squadron is severely undermanned, but I think that a patrol car would deter speeders, in turn making it safer for our kids to walk to school each morning

A: You highlight an important issue. The safety of our children going to and departing from school grounds requires a coordinated team approach: parents, school officials, the Parent Teacher Association, volunteers (such as crossing guards), and our Security Forces.

We recognized this issue ourselves, so over the past few months, Security Forces leadership has directed additional selective traffic enforcement in school zones and other high traffic public areas. Realizing they cannot observe every traffic violation, Security Forces accepts traffic complaints from the base populace, researches them, and forwards the findings to unit first sergeants and commanders for action.

Any person may file a traffic or criminal complaint with the Security Forces Control Center. The person witnessing the violation or criminal act needs to provide, at a minimum, a vehicle description, license plate number/state, date, time, location, and the alleged violation observed. It is also helpful to provide a physical description of the offender, if possible.

According to the PTA president, there are currently two volunteers helping with crossing guard duties at Orion Elementary School. The Anchorage School District welcomes volunteers, as they are unable to provide full-time crossing guards due to the relatively small on-base school population. Volunteers are encouraged to call Orion Elementary School at 753-2151 and speak with Mrs. Kornprobst to offer their assistance.

Thanks for raising this issue and let’s all work together to keep our children safe.

New RAP info

The Reintegration Action Program for all military returnees from contingency deployments more than 30 days has moved to the Arctic Warrior Orientation Center, 7153 Fighter Dr., and will now begin at 1 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Commander’s Support Staffs need to schedule all returnees by calling 552-2634. Military returnees need to in-process with Force Health Management (first floor near the Moose entrance) at the 3rd Medical Group prior to 1 p.m. of the day they are scheduled for RAP.



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3rd Wing Moment in History



3rd Bombardment Group Area, Barksdale Field, La.

Feb. 25, 1942:

The 3rd Bombardment Group arrived at Brisbane, Australia, from Barksdale Field, La. without its aircraft and under the command of a first lieutenant. Its service in the Far East, except for a short break in the mid-1960s, lasted until it was reassigned without personnel and equipment to Elmendorf in December 1991.

44 graduate from Academy

The following technical sergeants graduated from the Noncommissioned Officer Academy Class 05-3 Feb. 17:

John L. Levitow Award
Eric Zrucky, 353rd CTS

*Elmendorf PME Center
Commandant Award*
Benjamin Barrio, 354th LRS

Academic Achievement Award
Donald Frenchik, 3rd CMS

Distinguished Graduate Awards
Joseph Kitchel, 354th MS
Donald Frenchik, 3rd CMS
Benjamin Barrio, 354th LRS

Graduates
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John Key, 3rd AMXS
Timothy Stewart, 3rd AMXS
Royce Estepp, 3rd CES
Mark Lawrence, 3rd CES
David Mcneese, 3rd CES
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Mark Simmons, 3rd MXS
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Matthew Taylor, 3rd OSS

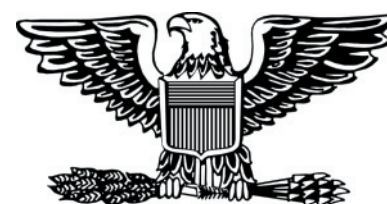
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Erik Zrucky, 353rd CTS
Dean Mitchell, 354th AMXS
Scott Payton, 354th CES
Darren Barnes, 354th LRS
David Wilson, 354th LRS
Daniel Garncarz, 354th MSS
Joseph Kitchel, 354th MXS
Michael Runyon, 354th MXS
Steven Brown, 354th OSS
Shawn Frye, 354th SVS
Brian Gilmore, 355th FS
John Gahr, Jr., 381st IS
John Stanford, Jr., 517th AS
Maria Lekity, 611th ASUS
Robert Lopez, Jr., 611th CES
Baxter Rhodes, 703rd AMXS
Jack Roskind, 732nd AMS
Edward Calter, DET 623rd OSI
Scott Weller, AF Band of the Pacific

New Birds

Congratulations to the following Arctic Warriors who were selected for promotion to Colonel this week:

ALASKAN COMMAND
Brent Johnson
John Marselus

11th AIR FORCE
Robert Woodley



Learn to fly with your feet on the ground

By Senior Airman Austin May
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Any pilot, private or professional, can tell you that it takes quite a bit to get your wheels off the ground. Hours of flight training can conflict with an active-duty Air Force member's schedule, and most Airmen can't free up the time or the money to knock out all the requirements at one interval.

The Federal Aviation Administration requires a minimum of 35 hours of flight instruction time to be eligible for a private pilot's license. According to Mr. David Mitson, Elmendorf Aero Club manager, most people require a total of 45-50 hours before they complete the requirements for a license, including a final checkride. Flying twice a week, for an hour at a time, this can take as long as six months, often more.

With the high ops tempo of Air

Force life, time spent in the aircraft may be spread out over a period where it would be difficult to retain all the knowledge learned during previous flights, but there is help.

Elmendorf, along with most of the Aero Clubs service-wide, offers a ground school to accompany the flying portion of training. While the school is not mandatory to obtain a license, the FAA does require students to pass a written exam before their checkride.

According to Mr. Mitson, the ground school is designed to give a person a working knowledge of all the areas of information incorporated in the FAA written test.

"Students learn all the basics of aerodynamics, engines, all aircraft systems, Federal Aviation Regulations, the national airspace system, weather and a long list of other areas they have to be familiar with to safely and effectively fly an aircraft and operate within our airspace

system," said Mr. Mitson.

The actual ground school is eight weeks long, and consists of three-hour classes twice a week. According to Mr. Mitson, while most Aero Clubs throughout the Air Force have ground schools, it is not possible to start the school here, and finish later at another location in the event of a Permanent Change of Station.

For those who qualify, Air Force Tuition Assistance will cover the \$350 cost of the class, however students must purchase their own materials kit for \$255.

So why spend the time and money to take the class if it's not necessary to become a pilot, some may ask.

"It's the quickest, easiest, and least expensive way to gain this knowledge," Mr. Mitson said. "This class is also a great refresher for pilots who have been away from flying for a while."

The Aero Club also does its best to make becoming a pilot affordable, on everything from instructor time to plane rentals.

"Our rental rates are, on average, substantially lower than that of a comparable operation downtown," Mr. Mitson said.

The total cost to become a pilot, including the price of the ground school and books, is about \$5,500. This is for the minimum requirements, and some students may require additional flight instruction time.

Staff Sgt. Kyle Griffin, 962nd Airborne Air Control Squadron, has been working on acquiring his private pilot's license for several years. Frequent TDYs, PCSs, and deployments have interrupted his training cycle several times, causing him to start almost from the beginning again and again. However, taking the class has helped make it easier for Sergeant Griffin to pick up where he left off.

He suggests those interested put as much effort as possible into flying as much as possible in a short amount of time.

"I would recommend that as you start the class, you start your flying at the same time," said Sergeant Griffin. "Once the class is finished, go take the FAA test, and if possible take 30 days of leave and knock out all of your flying requirements during that time."

This may be a bit pricey, but it may be worth it.

"If you only fly a few times a month it might take several months to more than a year to get your license, and that will cost you much more money in the long run," Sergeant Griffin said.

While there is no age requirement to take flying lessons, the FAA requires that a person be at least 16 to fly solo and get a license.

The next set of ground school classes begins May 9. For more information on becoming a pilot, or to sign up for the school, call the Elmendorf Aero Club at 753-4167.



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS JONATHAN THRASHER

Student pilots watch an instructional video detailing the various aspects of flight performance at the Aero Clubs classroom. The ground school meets every Tuesday and Thursday between 6 and 9 p.m.

Government Travel Card is mandatory in PACAF

By Capt. Eric Badger
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Starting Tuesday, all military members and civilian employees within the Pacific Air Forces must use their Government Travel Card to purchase airline tickets for official travel.

This guideline changes previous PACAF policy that directed bases to use a Centrally Billed Account, held by base Traffic Management Offices, for these costs.

“Pacific Air Forces is currently the only Air Force major command that doesn’t officially use Individually Billed Accounts,” said Mr. Lee Gavitt, 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron traffic management officer. “Throughout the military, IBAs are the preferred method for official travel.”

The initial decision not to charge IBAs was made due to concern from command leadership that GTC delinquency rates would increase if expensive airline tickets were charged to individual accounts through a person’s GTC.

According to a memorandum from Lt. Gen. Victor E. Renuart, Jr., PACAF vice commander, the original intent was to use central accounts, then switch to individual accounts or GTCs once the mandatory split disbursement option was implemented for travel voucher processing. Split disbursement became

mandatory for Air Force members September 23, 2004. Some members will be exempt from using their GTC for the following reasons:

- Being denied a GTC
- Pending GTC applications
- Separation/retirement travel
- When circumstances preclude GTC use
- Group travel of ten people or more.

The Travel Management Office will continue to use the CBA for members exempt from using their GTC.

The use of Contract Travel Offices to purchase airline tickets on official orders is still mandatory, according to Joint Federal Travel Regulations.

The Elmendorf CTO organization, SATO, is located in room 247 of the People Center, building 8517.

“SATO is a mandatory stop for all government travel, including airline and ferry reservations for individuals conducting permanent change of station moves and temporary duty assignments,” said Capt. Lisa Wildman, 3rd Comptroller Squadron financial services flight commander. “Purchasing tickets at local travel agencies or through the Internet is not authorized.”

When purchasing tickets, travelers must bring three copies of their orders and their Commander Support Staff letter to TMO and receive their



TECH. SGT. SHARON BALTAZAR

Using the Government Travel Card to purchase airline tickets for official travel is now mandatory for Pacific Air Forces members.

tickets from the CTO. According to a PACAF memorandum from the financial services and logistics readiness division chiefs, orders approving officials must ensure each travel authorization contains a statement indicating whether the traveler is authorized to purchase transportation using the IBA or CBA. For travel voucher processing, travelers will only be authorized reimbursement for tickets purchased with their IBA. For more information on GTC use, contact your unit Government Travel Card representative, the Finance Office at 552-5212 or the Traffic Management Office at 552-1793.

Shedding more light on energy savings

By Master Sgt. Tommie Baker
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Walk into a room, click, you turn on the lights.

Believe it or not, the lamps we use in our light fixtures can save us money.

“The base has contracted to replace older technology T-12 fluorescent lamps with newer, more energy efficient T-8 fluorescent lamps in the People Center, building 8517; the Library, building 10480; and the old Community Center, building 7271, said Mr. Paul Degner, 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron base energy manager.

“The new T-8 lamps are rated at 32 watts. The older T-12 lamps were rated at 40 watts.

Just by switching over to the T-8s, there is a 20 percent energy savings. In addition, the new T-8 lamp provides a higher quality of illumination than the T-12 lamp it replaces.”

How can changing out a light bulb save money?

Consider a facility that operates the lighting system

3,000 hours per year, which replaces a four-lamp T-12 system with a four-lamp T-8 system.

The current four-lamp system uses 168 watts per fixture and the replacement T-8 fixture uses 112 watts. If there are 1,500 fixtures in the facility, the total demand savings is 56 watts times 1,500 fixtures, or 84,000 watts. The annual energy cost savings at 7 cents per kilowatt hour would, in this case, be \$17,640.

“The cost to refit the three buildings currently under contract is \$495,000,” said Mr. Degner. “However, the energy and maintenance savings will be \$134,000 annually.”

“The long-term plans for the

base are to retrofit all office lighting as well as hangar and warehouse lighting,” said Mr. Degner. “The next phase has been submitted for funding and includes four buildings, 15380, 16430, 16716 and 18220. We’re expecting to begin work on these buildings some time next year.

“The next phase will cost about \$270,000 and provide energy and maintenance savings of approximately \$64,000 annually.”

Aside from the cost savings, the T-8 systems offer other important advantages.

The National Energy Policy Act has provoked the removal of many standard fluorescent lamps nation-

wide.

T-8 lamps meet the efficiency and color rendering requirements of the Act and therefore are exempt. It is likely that over the next several years T-8 lamps will become the standard in fluorescent lighting, especially as legislation is expected to become even more stringent.

According to energy experts, the reduced power consumption of T-8 systems also reduces the heat load on the cooling system that can result in an additional savings of up to 20 percent.

So the next time you turn on the lights, think to yourself, “who’s bright idea was this?”

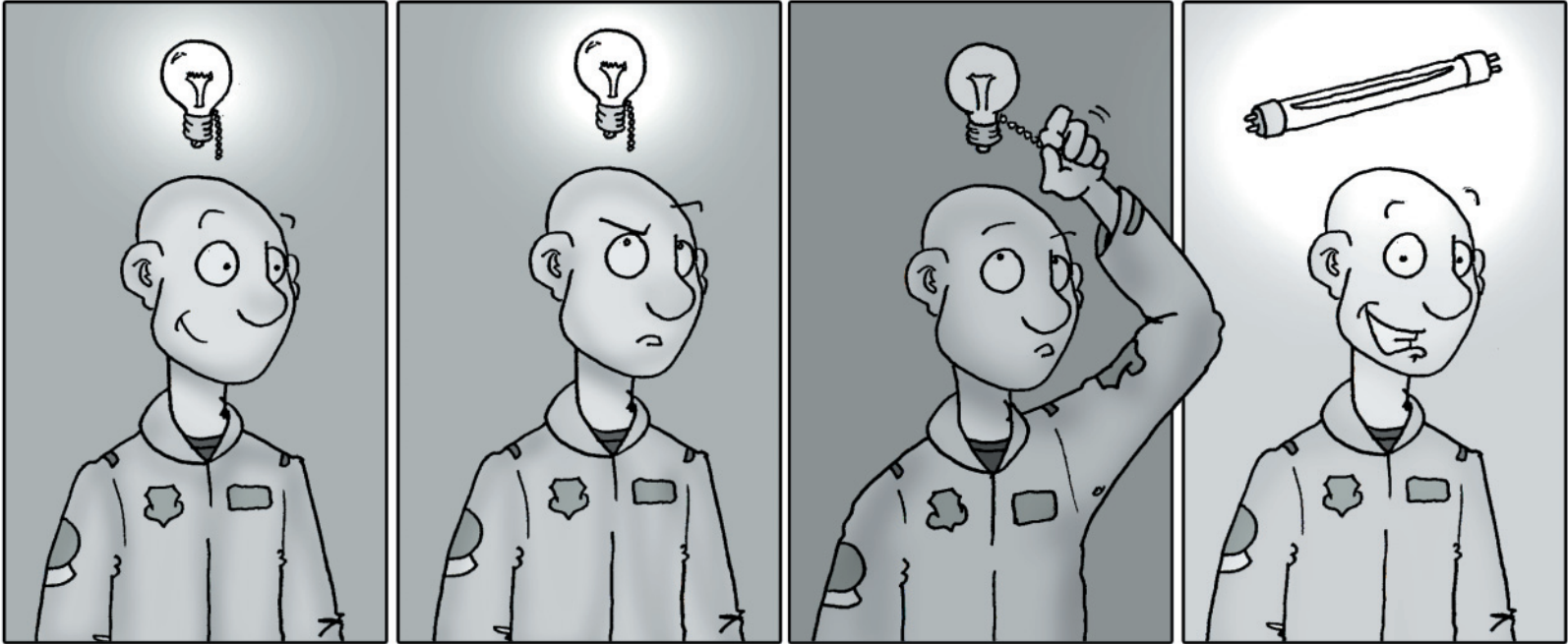


ILLUSTRATION BY SENIOR AIRMAN AUSTIN MAY



AIRMAN JONATHAN THRASHER

Staff Sgt. Nicholas Dillon

Duty title: 176th Air Control Squadron, identification technician

Hometown: Sedro Woolley, Wash.

Hobbies: Playing hockey, poker, baseball and four-wheeling

How he contributes to the mission: Responsible for timely and accurate identification of all aircraft transiting Alaskan airspace

Time at Elmendorf: Two years and nine months

Best part of being in Alaska: The outdoors — fishing, camping and riding all terrain vehicles

Supervisor’s comments: “Sergeant Dillon is the epitome of professionalism. He’s always willing to step forward to accomplish the mission.” Tech. Sgt. Bobbi Baker



AIRMAN 1ST CLASS GARRETT HOTHAN

Staff Sgt. Jonathan Bowman

Duty title: 19th Fighter Squadron, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge of life support

Hometown: Umatilla, Ore.

Hobbies: Fishing and NASCAR

How he contributes to the mission: Supervises daily inspections of pilot’s life support equipment

Time at Elmendorf: Eight months

Best part of being in Alaska: Enjoying the outdoors with his wife and kids

Supervisor’s comments: “Sergeant Bowman single-handedly managed the life support section while the majority of the squadron was deployed, all while maintaining a positive and professional attitude. He’s one of our hardest workers, he’s a great supervisor and he deserves to be recognized.” Tech. Sgt. Anthony Figueroa

Assumption of command

Lt. Col. Michael R. Frankel assumed command of the 12th Fighter Squadron on Tuesday in Hangar One. He was previously the director of operations in the 19th Fighter Squadron. His wife Holly, and his three children, Nicholas, Jacob, and Katie were present for the ceremony that was presided over by Col. Russell J. Handy, 3rd Operations Group commander.

Blood drive

A blood drive will be Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Arctic Oasis Community Center in the Aerobic Area. To sign up, e-mail or call Tech. Sgt. Nicole King at 580-6572.

Home buying class

The Elmendorf Housing Office will offer a home purchasing seminar March 7 at 1 p.m. at the Housing Office. The class is between two to three hours and seating is limited. To make reservations or for more information, call 552-4439/4328.

Swimming lessons

Registration for the March swimming session is under way at the Fitness Center for \$40. The classes will be as followed:

- Infant-Toddler Lessons, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30-5 p.m., beginning March 8-31
- Beginner Lessons, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5-5:30 p.m., beginning March 8-31
- Advanced Beginner Lessons, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 5:30-

6 p.m., beginning March 8-31

- Beginner Lessons, Saturdays from 11-11:30 a.m., beginning March 5-23.

3rd MDG council

The Health Consumers Advisory Council will be meeting March 10 at the Family Support Center. The 3rd Medical Group commander invites all 3rd Wing and civilian organizations to send a representative. This is an opportunity for all organizations to express views about the 3rd MDG, as well as affording the 3rd MDG the opportunity to inform beneficiaries about services and programs offered. Questions may be directed to Staff Sgt. Roman Vyvial at 580-6890.

Prayer luncheon

The National Prayer Luncheon will be at 11:30 a.m. at the Susitna Club, March 11. Tickets must be pre-purchased and are available until March 7. Prices are \$7 per person (\$5 for E-4s and below). For more information, contact your unit first sergeant or call the Chapel Center at 552-4422.

Family clinic hours

The Family Practice Clinic’s walk-in hours for injections and blood pressure checks are Monday through Friday from 8:30 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3:30 p.m. The clinic is closed at 11 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month and all holidays and down days. For more information, call 580-2305.

Tenant liability

All housing on Elmendorf is owned

by a private developer, Aurora Military Housing. This means that the United States Air Force is not responsible or liable for any damage caused by the tenant(s).

According to the Tenant Lease, tenants may be held responsible to the developer for damages caused by their intentional or negligent conduct

Tenants have the option of applying for renters’ insurance offered by the developer and are encouraged to consider securing their own supplemental insurance.

For further information, call the housing flight at 552-2547/4328.

Child care

According to Air Force Instruction, 34-276, any individual conducting child care services in their base quarters home for more than 10 hours per week on a regular basis must be a licensed Family Child Care provider. For more information on how to obtain this certification, call 552-3995.

Women’s conference

There will be a women’s conference March 9 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fort Richardson. Workshops include everything from Investments and Cooking on a Budget, to Hot Monogamy and Bedroom Conversation and Babes with Wrenches.

The workshop will be at the Capt. James G. Lee U.S. Army Reserve Center. For more information, call Ms. Tammie Adair at 384-0225 or Ms. Barbara Ringland at 384-6048.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

- Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass: 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- Thursday Mass: 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- Sunday Mass: 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Sunday Evening Mass: 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
- Confession: 6 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

Protestant Sunday

- Liturgical Service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- Celebration Service: 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- Gospel Service: noon at Chapel 1
- Fellowship Praise: 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

Religious Education

- Catholic Religious Education: Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- Protestant Sunday School: 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

For more information, call the Chapel at 552-4422.

Elmendorf student wins state spelling bee

By Staff Staff Sgt. Mike Edwards
3rd Wing Public Affairs

When sixth-grader Danielle Tacey, 11, began her preparations in November for the Alaska State Championship Spelling Bee, little did she know she was going to have to spell the word “perimysium” to win, but that is just what she did.

The Alaska championship was Feb. 3-4 at Mount Spurr Elementary School on Elmendorf. After winning, Danielle advances to the National Spelling Bee Championship in Washington D.C., slated for the end of May.

“They gave us this book to study,” said Danielle, daughter of Mary and Capt. Glen Tacey, 3rd Medical Operations Squadron. “I had to study the book and look up the words to know what they mean.”

Part of her strategy included studying with her brother, Nick, 12, who finished second in his category.

When it comes to the national competition, Danielle says she will have to adjust her strategy to meet the new challenges.

“Rather than just having one smaller book to study, we were told to use this book as our study guide,” she said while pointing to a large dictionary. “Any word you find in there could be used for the national finals. It is going to take a lot of work, but I’ll study hard to make sure I’m ready.”



STAFF SGT. MIKE EDWARDS

Danielle Tacey, 11, and her brother Nick, 12, spend time at the Base Library studying the history and country of origin for words that may be used at the upcoming National Spelling Bee Championship scheduled to be held in Washington D.C. at the end of May. Danielle won first place in the Alaska State Spelling Bee Championship, at Mount Spurr Elementary School Feb. 3-4, and will travel to Washington D.C. to compete at the national level. Her brother took second place in his category at the state competition .

Software upgrade will speed up electronic communications

By Lt. Col. Michael Halbig

3rd Wing Public Affairs chief

Next week, the 3rd Communications Squadron, along with the rest of the communications professionals in Pacific Air Forces and the U.S. Air Force will begin the journey to provide all Air Force e-mail users with an improved Air Force Global Address List, making one's ability to send electronic communications better. The process begins March 4 and will take approximately three weeks to complete.

In reality, the changes to the GAL will remain virtually transparent to the e-mail user, at least once the process is complete, said Capt. Daniel Webb, 3rd CS Network Control Center.

"The end result will be a more accurate and reliable GAL that replicates changes to contact information much faster," he said.

To get to that point, the current GAL, which uses an older version of e-mail server software first introduced by Microsoft in 1996, must be replaced with the latest version, called Exchange Server 2003. The new program uses a more reliable standards-based directory called "Active Directory" to store contact information and to propagate it to other Air Force bases. That replacement process means that current contact information must move from the current GAL

onto the new Active Directory and become the new GAL, he said, a process that will take a few weeks to accomplish.

What will occur during the initial few days of the upgrade is that the names in the GAL that pop up in everyone's Outlook will change. All of the non-PACAF names will disappear until only people with PACAF e-mail addresses will remain, said Lt. Col. Michael Convertino, 3rd CS commander, in a base-wide e-mail explaining the process.

Captain Webb said that is expected to happen over the course of three to five days.

How long it will take to have a complete new GAL with the entire Air Force represented is not known for sure since major commands are responsible for ensuring all of their e-mail addresses are populated into the new GAL. Because of this, the exact timing on when the new GAL will be complete is not precisely known, he said, but network technicians have estimated it should be complete within about three weeks.

There will be no need for anyone to recreate their own contact and distribution lists, he added, but in the interim those lists will probably not function properly since they use the current GAL as a stepping point to find, resolve and add specific addresses.

If that occurs, Captain Webb said, users may either type in the intended recipients e-mail address in the

e-mail, they may recreate entries in their own contacts folder or they can use a temporary web-based GAL that PACAF has developed for use during this transition. The temporary web-based GAL tool is at www.hqpacaf.mil/gateway/lookup.cfm.

To be ready for this transition period, people should bookmark the temporary GAL tool to quickly search for e-mail addresses as needed, and they can also print out their own contacts list to have ready as an interim address source in case they need to type in a complete e-mail address.

How to print one's contact lists depends on whether the e-mail server being used is Outlook 2000 or Outlook 2003. If using Outlook 2000, the user should select "View" on the main menu bar, select "Go To" and then select "Contacts." If using Outlook 2003, the user should select "Go" and then select "Contacts." As soon as the contacts list is open, select "File" and "Print."

This transition is a technical process that will have some hiccups along the way, added Captain Webb. "Please be patient and bear with us as we work the coordination to hopefully make this a smooth transition. The good news is that the steps we are taking today will allow us to benefit from enhancements and added functionality of new technology in the Air Force enterprise."

Arctic Life

Great living in the great land

Arctic Warriors earn 11th Air Force awards



Junior Enlisted Member of the Year
Senior Airman Richard Tibbetts
3rd Civil Engineer Squadron



Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
Tech. Sgt. Trenton Bare
3rd Civil Engineer Squadron



Senior Noncommissioned Officer of the Year
Senior Master Sgt. Paul Taitt
611th Air Support Squadron



First Sergeant of the Year
Senior Master Sgt. Randy Watts
3rd Component Maintenance Squadron



Company Grade Officer of the Year
Capt. Chris Meeker
3rd Civil Engineer Squadron

These Arctic Warriors were selected as the 11th Air Force award winners during the 11th Air Force Annual Awards Banquet Feb. 18 at the Susitna Club.



AFAF Campaign '05: 'Commitment to Caring'

By Senior Airman Amy Morrisette
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Can the Air Force Assistance Fund Campaign out-raise the 2004 campaign? That's what Maj. Patrick Casey, AFAF project officer, hopes will happen with the AFAF this year; he said the goal this year is to raise more than \$93,090.

"The Air Force Assistance Fund is an annual campaign that gives back to our folks and their spouses," said Major Casey. "The campaign

this year is themed 'Commitment to Caring,' and it will run from Feb. 14 through March 27."

Many Arctic Warriors and their families benefited from the money that was raised from the AFAF in 2004.

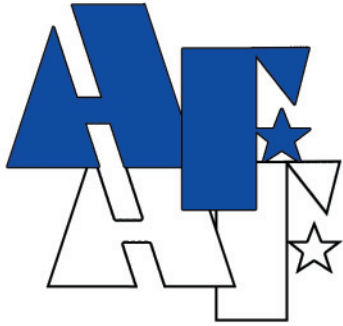
"Last year, the Air Force Aid Society gave back to Elmendorf folks more than \$382,000. For the spouse assistance tuition program, the program gave them back more than \$157,000."

The Air Force Aid Society is the

official helping hand of the Air Force. It offers help to active-duty members, their families and retirees in three areas: emergency assistance with interest-free loans, education, and community enhancement or family welfare programs.

The society, however, is only one of three organizations that people can donate to within the AFAF. "The individual funds that people can contribute to include the Air Force Aid Society, the Air Force Enlisted Village, and the Air Force Village."

For more information, contact your AFAF representative.



Lt. Col. John Galloway, commander

Unit Spotlight

3rd Comptroller Squadron

MISSION:

The 3rd Comptroller Squadron manages more than \$812,000,000 in annual appropriations and processes over 30,000 documents annually supporting the 11th Air Force and the 3rd Wing's missions. The squadron members provide budget, finance, accounting, cost/economic analysis and payroll support for more than 7,400 personnel in 11th AF Headquarters, 3rd Wing staff, six groups, 27 squadrons and 28 tenants units. They also provide financial oversight for nonappropriated funds and act as liaison between the Air Force Audit Agency and the Elmendorf organizations they audit.



Arctic Warriors help make games special

By Staff Sgt. Ryan Mattox
3rd Wing Public Affairs

Arctic Warriors turned out in droves to give a helping hand to those participating in the Anchorage Special Olympics Winter Games last weekend.

Twenty-seven servicemembers from Elmendorf helped to time and setup events throughout the Anchorage area.

“The help from Elmendorf was fantastic and greatly appreciated,” said Mr. Jay Carey, an event coordinator for the Special Olympics. “The volunteers gave 100 percent, and in fact, they were more than willing to go beyond the call of duty.”

The winter games are a qualifying event for the athletes to move on to next months state games.

These games consisted of alpine skiing, floor hockey, skiing competition and snowshoeing.

One event that Elmendorf volunteers were involved in was floor hockey. Airman 1st Class Terence Lee, 3rd Comptroller Squadron, helped set up the floor hockey games.

“I wanted to do some community service and this seems to be a good

opportunity,” said Airman Lee. “You can see from the participants faces their eagerness and excitement to play. That was fun. I’m not looking for anything in return for what I’m doing, just glad that I can help with this program and look forward to doing it again.”

Another volunteer found the experience more than worthwhile.

“It was awesome,” said Staff Sgt. Marcus Washington, 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron. “All I did was act as a timer for the events and I bought snacks for the participants. It was a very fulfilling experience. The experience taught me to appreciate the little feats in life. I also found the innocence and the pure hearts of the athletes very remarkable. I am so glad I did it.”

The Special Olympics is an international year-round program of sports training and competition for individuals with special needs. More than one million athletes in over 150 countries train and compete in 26 Olympic-type summer and winter sports.

Next month, the state games will be March 11-13. For more information about Special Olympics or to volunteer, call 222-7625.



Floor hockey coach Mr. Greg Philips, shows Jeremy Piaskowski, Special Olympics athlete, proper puck handling at the Romig Middle School.



Above: Special Olympics athletes Cindy Rafter, 12, and Alex Wooster, 13, show off the ribbons they’ve earned following the Special Olympics Floor Hockey Competition at the Romig Middle School gymnasium.



Above: A volunteer writes a number on an athlete’s racing vest. Right: Staff Sgts. Marcus Washington and Steve Thomas, 3rd Equipment Maintenance Squadron, keep time as a Special Olympics athlete Chris Vance snowshoes to the finish at the Russian Jack Park in Anchorage.



Above: Special Olympics athlete Allison Grant, 15, edges through a set of gates in a Slalom race during the Anchorage Special Olympics Ski Competition at the Hilltop Ski Resort in Anchorage Sunday. On the cover: Ken Young, Special Olympics athlete, prepares for his descent down Hilltop as an area volunteer watches on.

The Elmendorf We

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Club Guest Passes now available

By Mrs. Mary Rall
3rd Services Marketing

The Elmendorf clubs are full of opportunities to enjoy one-of-a-kind dining experiences and special events for members and non-members alike. Now, the clubs have made sharing the experience with guests an easy and convenient possibility through Club Guest Passes.

Sponsors can invite guests from off base to club events, a weekend evening at the Glacier Night Club, or a meal at the Susitna Café by picking up Club Guest Passes at the clubs.

Passes can be signed out at the Susitna Club’s cashier cage, The Cave, or at the

Kashim Club during normal hours of operation by current club members with a Department of Defense or military identification card.

To gain access to the base, guests must have a valid Guest Pass, driver’s license, registration and proof of insurance. All individuals in each vehicle must have a valid Guest Pass to gain base entry.

Passes will be valid from 6 p.m. Fridays through 3 p.m. Sundays, and are limited to the Kashim and Susitna clubs only. Passes do not gain guests access to any other base or Services facilities.

The Elmendorf clubs are open to individuals of all ranks and include a wide

variety of activities for members and non-members alike to enjoy. Although members do enjoy members first pricing at club events and activities, non-members are welcome to enjoy all the clubs have to offer with their guests as well.

Upcoming events include everything from the extravagant Easter Brunch March 27 at the Susitna Club to an Old School Party March 18 at the Kashim Club and a Wild Wild West Round Up in April at the Susitna Club. Guests are welcome at any of these special events or similar club activities.

For more information on how to become a club member or to learn more about membership benefits and pricing or Base Guest Passes, call 753-3131 or stop by the Susitna or Kashim clubs.

A club calendar of current and upcoming events and activities may be accessed at www.elmendorfservices.com.



SENIOR AIRMAN AMY MORRISSETTE

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Friday Bowling, today from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. for \$2.50 per game at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Cross-Country Ski Waxing Clinic, Saturday at 1 p.m. at the Outdoor Recreation Center. 552-2023

All Night Xtreme, Saturday from 10 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Kids Korner Pony Bead Animals, Saturday at 1 p.m. for \$15 at the Skills Development Center. 753-7012

Sunday Brunch, Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

Alyeska Ski Trip, Sunday from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. for \$49 with the Outdoor Adventure Program. 552-4838

Family Xtreme Bowling, Sunday from 1-8 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Airmen’s Special, Monday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Take It and Make It, Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Library. 552-3787

Sail-ebration Promotion, Tuesday at ITT. 753-2378

Bowler Appreciation Night, Tuesday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Preschool Story Hour, Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Library. 552-3787

ASAQ Meeting, Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. at the School Age Program. 552-5091

Mudd Shop Special, all bisque items are 25 percent off at the Skills Development

Center. 552-7012

Kayaking Basics and Safety Class, Tuesday at 8 p.m. at the Fitness Center. 552-4838

New Parent Orientations, Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Denali and Sitka CDCs. 552-8304

Hillberg End of Season Sale, Wednesday at Hillberg Pro Shop. 552-4838

Beginning Sewing Pick Your Own Project, Wednesday and March 9, 16 and 30 at 6:15 p.m. for \$60 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Wednesday Night Madness, From 5-9 p.m. for \$15 per lane at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Beginning Pottery Hand Building, Wednesday and March 9, 16 and 24 at 6 p.m. for \$60 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Morning Coffee Conversation, Thursday at 10:30 a.m. at the Arctic Oasis Community Center. 552-8529

Introduction to Photography, Thursday and March 12, 19 and 26 at 10 a.m. for \$40 (bring your own camera) at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Ceramics Family Night Make and Take, Thursday at 5:30 p.m. for \$15 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Homeschool Arts and Crafts Leather Works, Thursday and March 10 and 17 at 2 p.m. for \$45 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Red Pin Bowling, Thursday from 5-9 p.m. at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Ceramic St. Patrick’s Day Cookie Plate, Thursday and March 10 at 6 p.m. for \$35 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Beginning Pottery on the Wheel, Thursday and March 10 and 17 at 6 p.m. for \$45 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

\$1 Drafts, Thursday from 5-9 p.m. at The Igloo at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Family Night Buffet, Thursday at the Susitna Club. 753-3131

Kenai Fjords Tour Discounts offered, March 4 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at ITT. 753-2378

Give Parents a Break, March 4 from 7-11 p.m. at the Denali CDC. 552-8304

Aces Hockey Shuttle, March 4 for \$3 per person and \$10 for four through ITT. 753-2378

Beginning Cake Decorating, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 at 6:45 p.m. for \$35 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

Friday Bowling, March 4 from 5 p.m. to 1 a.m. for \$2.50 a game at the Polar Bowl. 552-4108

Beginning Cross Stitch, March 4 and 11 at 6 p.m. for \$25 at the Skills Development Center. 552-7012

**Sign up for Skills Development Center classes at least three days in advance.*

HOOPLA: Operation Night Hoops will take to the courts for youth ages 13-18 at the Youth Center gym from 8:30-11:30 p.m. 753-2371

Movie: *Racing Stripes* (PG) In the middle of a raging thunderstorm, a traveling circus accidentally leaves behind a baby zebra. The gangly little foal is rescued by horse farmer Nolan Walsh, a champion thoroughbred trainer, and brought to his Kentucky farm. The zebra knows that if he could just get the chance, he could leave all those other horses in the dust. 7 p.m.

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MEMBER MANIA: Membership makes a difference when you take advantage of Member Mania 2-4-1 dinners at the Susitna Café. 753-3131

Movie: *Racing Stripes* (PG) See above for movie details. 7 p.m.

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SKI ON: Learn the skills you need to get the most out of the winter season by taking Beginner Cross-Country Ski Lessons at 1 p.m. with the Outdoor Recreation Center. Classes are offered for \$5 and include everything. Individuals who rent cross-country skis for the season or purchase a new cross-country ski package can take the classes for free. 552-2023

Movie: *Elektra* (PG-13) When Elektra is released from the hospital after a near-death experience, she becomes an assassin trained by a crew of killers known as The Order of the Hand. Soon, however, Elektra befriends her would-be victims and defends them both from ninja assassins. 7 p.m.

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SNOWMACHINE: The Outdoor Adventure Program offers guided snowmachine trips for \$35 on the base trail system when there is enough snow cover. The two-hour trips begin and end at the Hillberg Ski Area and are open to participants ages 16 and older. 552-4838.

Role of AFSPC in depth

By 1st Lt. Tony Wickman
Alaskan Command Public Affairs

ACROSS

- 1. Actor Mineo
- 4. Spy org.
- 7. AFSPC base
- 12. Actress Zadora
- 13. Gelatin
- 16. Type of angle
- 17. Compute
- 18. Large, grassy plains
- 19. Temporarily
- 20. Part of a movie film
- 21. AFSPC base
- 23. Paradise
- 25. Round item not for square hole?
- 26. Pay entitlement during PCS
- 29. Ancient
- 32. Japanese town
- 33. Sprinted
- 34. AFSPC base
- 38. Part of DoD
- 39. 80s band
- 40. Derive
- 43. Electricity unit in the cm/g

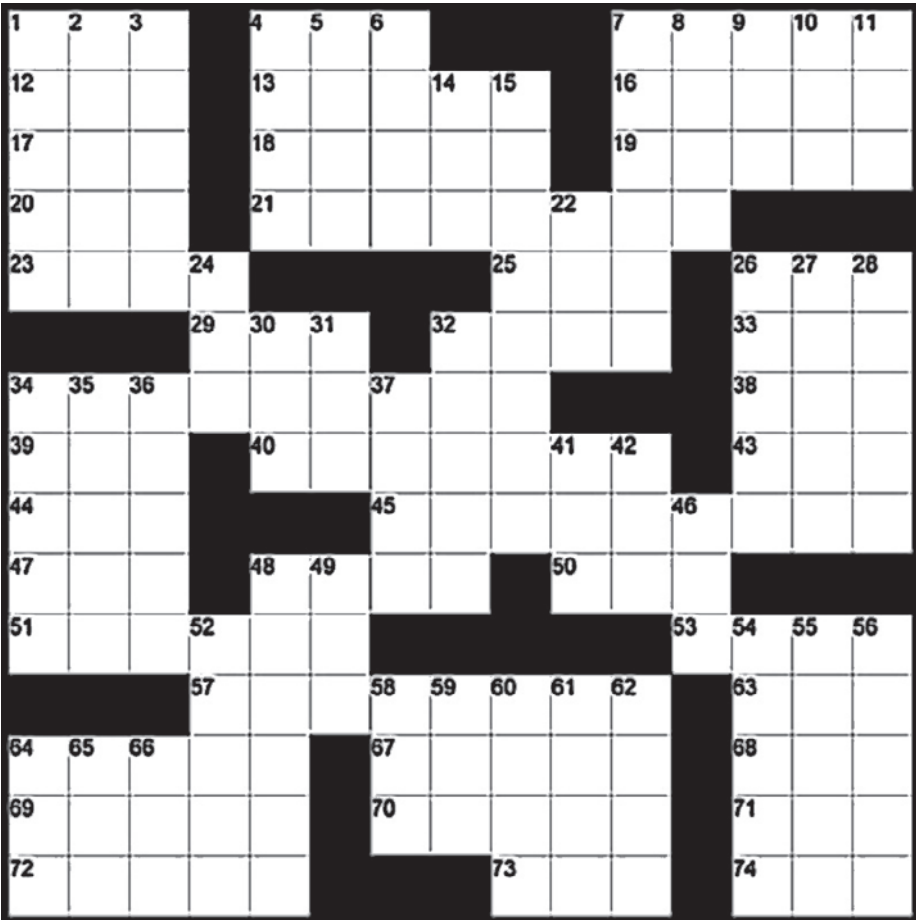


Last week's solution

- scale; forces of interaction
- 44. Current epidemic
- 45. AFSPC base
- 47. Of or relating to (suffix)
- 48. French military cap
- 50. USAF commissioning source
- 51. Jungle fruit
- 53. Print measurement
- 57. AFSPC base
- 63. Able
- 64. Saying at Hickam AFB, HI?
- 67. Increase, as in pay
- 68. Enormous
- 69. Grisly
- 70. Slacken
- 71. ___ *Doubtfire*
- 72. Plant starters
- 73. Explosive combo
- 74. Drunkard

DOWN

- 1. Mission for AFSPC
- 2. Helped
- 3. Kitchen utensil
- 4. Cow's young
- 5. Atoll
- 6. A dog's hand (two words)
- 7. Art of training and riding horses
- 8. Image
- 9. Sister
- 10. Pharmacy purchase method?
- 11. Golf prop
- 14. ___ hurry...
- 15. Army rank
- 22. Yank opponent
- 24. Neither's partner
- 26. More accurate
- 27. Cowboy's tool
- 28. Yearly



- 30. Fib
- 31. Rep. opponent
- 32. Alaskan peninsula
- 34. Colonial India address for Euro-pean men
- 35. Asian country
- 36. Asylum
- 37. Mend
- 41. Military org. concerned with HHG
- 42. GMT -0500
- 46. Kitchen measurement, in short
- 48. Mixes into a uniform mass

- 49. Dine
- 52. Bookworm
- 54. Peacekeeper and Minutemen
- 55. African capitol
- 56. Teen problem?
- 58. Mistake
- 59. Norma ___
- 60. River sand
- 61. USAF base home to 51st FW
- 62. Following
- 64. USAF school for NCOs
- 65. NBA star Tyrone ___
- 66. Mining find

SPORTS NEWS



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. DAVE DONOVAN



Air time

Top: Elmendorf's Hillberg Ski Area offers evening activities. Open from 5-9 p.m. Wednesday-Friday and from noon to 9 p.m. Saturday-Sunday, Hillberg offers skiing, snowboarding and tubing. They offer a complete Pro Shop to provide maintenance for your ski equipment or rentals for those who need them. In addition to hitting the slopes, Hillberg also offers ice skating and ice fishing packages. For more information, call 552-4838.

Above Left and Right: Tico Seller and Kevin Hao tear up the slope while snowboarding. The ski area offers a half pipe and moguls for more adventurous winter sports aficionados.

